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**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: Councilmember Numark.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

Mayor Scotto relayed Councilmember Numark's request for excused absence from this meeting, and hearing no objection so ordered.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Coast Fellowship students Julian Safina and Amanda Diroll.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, March 14, 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn and deferred.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers announced that the next commissioner certification classes will be held Tuesday June 4, and Thursday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m., and residents must complete this free two-hour class to be eligible to be appointed to City commissions.

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the City Council Transportation Committee met on Thursday, March 14, to discuss the Car2Go program and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Council in early April.

Mayor Scotto asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Leonard "Dutch" Holland who passed away March 13 at the age of 82. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PRESENTATION BY PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK

Communications Officer Erick Serrato, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, gave a brief Powerpoint presentation on WIN's efforts to provide job search assistance to local residents. He offered examples of three Torrance residents who found jobs as a result of WIN's services; discussed youth internship and summer work programs; and reviewed 2013 Torrance Service Strategies. He invited attendance at a forum on the development of the 2013-2014 Local Plan on Thursday, March 21, at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Furey expressed concerns that Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network has had very little presence in Torrance since the City joined it approximately 4 years ago after withdrawing from the South Bay Workforce Investment Network.

Mayor Scotto stated that he did not believe the City of Torrance has been getting its fair share of attention from Pacific Gateway WIN and would consider realigning with South Bay WIN unless there are quantitative improvements within the next 3 to 6 months

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Hamilton Cloud, on behalf of U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters, announced that she will be hosting a free small business expo "Women in Business" in honor of women's history month on Tuesday, March 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Lawndale Community Center, which will include presentations by government agencies and organizations working to assist small business owners, with additional information available at www.waters.house.gov or 323.757.8900.

7B. Carol Gilles, Torrance Rose Float Association, announced that a fundraiser will be held at Marie Callender's restaurant on Thursday, March 28, from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., with 20% of food and pie sales to be donated to TRFA with the presentation of a flyer available at www.torrancerosefloatassociation.com.

7C. Janet Payne, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the public to attend OTNA's meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at the Bartlett Senior Center at 7:00 p.m., which will include a presentation by the Simon Group on upcoming improvements to Del Amo Fashion Center and a brief presentation by Councilmember Rhilinger on the Car2Go program.

7D. Richard Whitehorse, Arts Council of Torrance, announced that a Family Arts Festival will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ken Miller Recreation Center, which will include performances by students and the presentation of awards, with additional information available at www.artscounciloftorrance.org.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. CHANGE ORDER RE PURCHASE OF BOOKS, AUDIO, AND VIDEO MATERIALS FOR LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a change order to the purchase order to Ingram Library Services Inc., (PO# 2012-158) increasing each of the remaining two years by \$23,000 for a new annual amount of \$398,000 and a new total not to exceed \$1,171,000 for the purchase of books, audio, and video materials for the Torrance Public Library system.

8B. CHANGE ORDER RE PURCHASE OF PERIODICALS FOR LIBRARY SYSTEM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a change order to EBSCO Information Services of Los Angeles, CA (PO #2011-384), extending the terms for one additional year for the purchase of the annual requirement of periodicals for the Torrance Public Library system for calendar year 2014.

8C. SUBSIDY OF FEES FOR ARMSTRONG THEATRE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council subsidize the rental fees for use of the Armstrong Theatre in an amount not to exceed \$2,100 for the 300th Army Band to present a free concert titled "Songs from the Home Front" on Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Item was considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8C. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

Consent Calendar Item 8D was considered separately at this time.

8D. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council:

- 1) Approve a third amendment to the fee agreement with Rutan & Tucker (C2011-155) to provide legal services in the case of Bazilius v. City of Torrance, requesting an additional \$200,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$660,000; and
- 2) Appropriate \$200,000 from the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund.

Councilmember Rhlinger requested that staff explore the possibility of hiring additional City Attorney staff in order to reduce the amount being spent on outside legal services as part of consideration of the upcoming budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhlinger moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. APPROVAL OF 2013 PRIORITY PROJECTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council approve the 2013 priority projects.

Mayor Scotto, chair of the Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee, reported that the committee met on February 28, 2013 to discuss priority projects and potential funding strategies.

City staff provided a brief overview of the recommended 2013 Priority Projects:

- 1) CNG Upgrade of Fleet Services Garage Facility - \$600,000 funding request;
- 2) Expansion of Goldsworthy Desalter - \$17 million funding request;
- 3) North Torrance Well Field #9 - \$13 million funding request; and

- 4) Storm Water Infiltration Systems at Walnut Sump, Airport Field and Well Field #8 – \$8 million funding request.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to approve the 2013 Priority Projects. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

12B. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BYLAWS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve proposed amendments to the League of California Cities Bylaws to provide that:

- 1) Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred in by at least five or more cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities; and
- 2) The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3rd vote of those Directors present.

Management Associate Jones briefly reviewed the proposed amendments to the League of California City Bylaws.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote (absent Councilmember Numark).

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Torrance Civic Chorale will be presenting a concert “I Hear America Singing” on Saturday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Theatre, with additional information available at 310.781.7171.

17B. Councilmember Sutherland announced that there will be a recycling event on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Torrance courthouse parking lot.

17C. Councilmember Sutherland wished Councilmember Brewer a happy birthday.

17D. Councilmember Sutherland wished everyone a happy Easter.

17E. Councilmember Barnett reported that last week he and Councilmember Brewer attended the grand opening of PCH Smiles located at 2740 Pacific Coast Highway, which offers dentistry and orthodontics.

17F. Councilmember Barnett announced that the Torrance Theatre Company will be presenting “Twelve Angry Men” this weekend at their theatre located at 1316 Cabrillo Avenue, with additional information available at 424.243.6882 or www.torrancetheatrecompany.com.

17G. Councilmember Barnett announced that Friends of the Torrance Theatre Company will be holding a fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

17H. Councilmember Brewer announced that Torrance Education Foundation’s annual Celebrate Education dinner will be held on March 29 at the Marriott Hotel at which a 2013 Lexus hybrid donated by Toyota Motor Sales USA will be raffled off. He noted that raffle tickets are \$30, \$20 of which goes directly to the designated school organization, with additional information available at www.torranceeducationfoundation.org.

17I. Councilmember Furey reported that he attended the North High Military Ball last Friday night and thanked Mayor Scotto for attending and Police Chief Neu for doing an excellent job as the keynote speaker.

17J. Councilmember Furey reported that he attended the fundraiser "Dancing with the South Bay Stars" last Saturday and offered congratulations to the winner.

17K. Councilmember Furey announced that the Torrance Youth Council will be hosting their 14th annual pancake breakfast and open house on Saturday, April 6, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Attic located at 2320 W. Carson Street.

17L. Councilmember Furey stated that he was looking forward to the upcoming trip to Kashiwa, Japan to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their Sister City relationship.

17M. Mayor Scotto reported that he met with senior executive management at American Honda on March 13 to discuss upcoming changes that include the relocation of some key functions to their North America manufacturing center in Marysville, Ohio. He explained that it is anticipated that these changes will impact fewer than 50 Honda associates nationwide and only 5 in Torrance out of the over 2500 employees who work there. He noted that the sales and marketing headquarters for American Honda will remain in Torrance and the City looks forward to a strong partnership with the company for many years to come.

17N. Mayor Scotto was pleased to report that Mercury Air Group, which has been located in the City of Los Angeles since 1955, will be moving its corporate headquarters to Torrance on Skypark Drive on March 28, and noted that Vectis Strategies, a consulting firm that works with Mercury Air Group, will also be moving to Torrance.

17O. Debbie Hays, Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, invited the community to attend the 32nd annual Easter egg hunt at El Prado Park at 10:00 a.m. on Easter morning.

17P. Mayor Scotto wished everyone a happy Easter.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers
Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 9, 2013

Sue Sweet
Recording Secretary